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REMARKS

The notice of allowable subject matter in claims 4-15 is gratefully appreciated.

In an effort to bring prosecution of the present application to a favorable conclusion, amendments to the title and drawings have been effected in an effort to eliminate the formal objections raised in the outstanding Office Action. Moreover, objected to claims 4 - 7 have been rewritten in self-contained form by combining claims 1-4 as amended claim 1 and rewriting claim 5, 6 and 7 in self-contained form to incorporate claim 1 therein. Claims 2-4, per se, and claims 16-20, per se, have been canceled.

More particularly, with reference to the objection to the drawings, Figure 1 has been amended to incorporate the labels "CONTROLLER" for block 103, "REGULATOR" for block 105 and "SWITCH CIRCUIT" for block 107. The labels have not been repeated for the remaining blocks beneath the top set of blocks in order to avoid unnecessary cluttering of the drawings.

In Figure 3, the label "CONTROLLER" has been inserted in the upper left hand corner of the block and in Figure 2, the term "REGULATOR" has been inserted in the lower left hand portion of the block. It is believed that these amendments to the drawings obviate the objections raised in item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action.

As noted above, a new title, corresponding to that suggested in the Office Action has been inserted in place of the original title.

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With regard to the amendments to the claims, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2, 3 and 4, previously dependent thereon, so that claim 1 as amended corresponds to claim 4 being rewritten in self-contained form. Claims 5, 6 and 7 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1, so that these claims, like amended claim 1, are believed to be in condition for allowance.


Claims 16-20 have been canceled. As a result of the foregoing amendments the claims remaining are claims 1 and 5-15, which contain subject matter indicated in the outstanding Office action to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration of this application and a Notice of Allowability of claims 1 and 5-15 respectfully requested.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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In the Drawings:

Attached are replacement drawing sheets 1-4 as explained in the remarks.